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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, FBIS
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Gulf Bureau--February 1985

I. GENERAL

The Bahrain Telecommunications Company announced on 27 February that, owing to massive profits in 1984, rental charges for telephones and telexes will be cut by approximately 25 percent effective 1 April 1985. Charges for phone calls on Fridays will also be half priced effective 5 April. This development will have a positive impact on the bureau's communications budget and on the pocketbooks of individual staffers.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. The bureau's reception of Tehran Television Service in Persian, which became monitorable again in late January, proved fruitful on 4 February when the bureau monitored and videotaped a 33-minute recorded speech by Ayatollah Khomeyni marking the "10 Days of Dawn" ceremonies. The videotape elicited great interest and, at the request of MOD, special arrangements were made to dispatch the videotape immediately to Washington via commercial courier.

2. Baghdad Television Service in Persian became monitorable on 21 February for the first time since October 1984. Video and audio reception were good. The Arabic service also was received for the first time since April 1984 with fair video and good audio reception.

3. The Gulf tanker war registered one of its biggest losses in February when the Liberian-registered tanker "Neptunia" carrying 60,000 tons of aviation fuel was hit by Iraqi jets off Bushehr and sank several days later. Two other ships were confirmed hit by Iraqi jets during the month. On its part, Iran is believed responsible for three air attacks on Gulf shipping, one occurring just 60 km north of Abu Dhabi.

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B. Communications

1. The local Naval Administrative Unit (ASU) received permission this month for a line between the ASU and the Embassy. This line, which was initially proposed by FBIS Gulf Bureau, will enable the bureau to send and receive material to and from the ASU via the Embassy in the event of long outages on our primary circuit. At the moment, material has to be handcarried to and from the ASU. Timing for completion of the project depends on when [] completes its upgrade to receive ASU traffic.

2. The staffing situation in the bureau teletype section was improved somewhat with the return of one teletypist from maternity leave on 10 February, allowing the departure of London Bureau TDY teletypist [] on 7 February. The section is still down two teletypists, one on extended maternity leave and the other on sick leave, but can handle the workload with help from the bureau's administrative assistant.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Persian monitor [] EOD'd on 3 February and part-time Persian monitor [] was converted to full-time FBN status on the same day.

2. London Bureau teletypist [] departed 7 February after a 1-month working TDY.

B. Visits

1. [] a fire protection officer from the State Department's Office of Foreign Buildings, paid a courtesy call at the bureau on 23 February to advise on removal of fire hazards.

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Chief, Gulf Bureau

Attachment A

ENGINEERING REPORT -- GULF BUREAU MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1985

Equipment Received : 2 IBM Personal Computer Systems.

Equipment Transferred : None

Projects : Construction of two desks for use
with the personal computers.
Ongoing switchgear installation.
Installation of replacement landline
interfaces.

GULF BUREAU : ADDUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 253,548

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 80,430

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH : 671

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	15,025	8,280	230.5
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)			

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

AFGHANISTAN

KABUL INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

IN ARABIC

-0-

KABUL IN ENGLISH TO

SOUTH ASIA

150

BAHRAIN

MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

ARABIC

500

MANAMA TELEVISION SERVICE

IN ARABIC

340

MANAMA WAKH IN

ARABIC

13,790

MANAMA WAKH IN

ENGLISH

10,560

MANAMA AKHBAR AL-KHALIJ

IN ARABIC

2,240

MANAMA AL-ADWA' IN

ARABIC

-0-

MANAMA AL-MAWAQIF

IN ARABIC

510

MANAMA SADA AL-USBU'

IN ARABIC

360

MANAMA GULF DAILY NEWS

IN ENGLISH

3,750

MANAMA GULF MIRROR IN

ENGLISH

250

CLANDESTINE

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN IN DARI	760
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN IN PASHTO	430
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF AL-AHVAZ REVOLUTION IN ARABIC	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN BAHNINANI KURDISH	270
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN SURANI KURDISH	190
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) FREE VOICE OF IRAN IN PERSIAN	1,200
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO NEJAT-E IRAN IN PERSIAN	2,020
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO IRAN IN PERSIAN	2,730
(CLANDESTINE) FREE SONS OF YEMENI SOUTH IN ARABIC	670

IRAN

TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARABIC	8,720
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	380
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TURKISH	-0-
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN DARI	-0-
ISFAHAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN AZERI	270
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	11,150
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SURANI KURDISH	100
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN BAHNINANI KURDISH	560
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN ENGLISH	-0-
AHVAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	350
BANDAR 'ABBAS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	1,110
BUSHEHR DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	3,960

TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	670	
IN PERSIAN		
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	-0-	
IN PERSIAN		
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	930	
IN PERSIAN		
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	1,080	
IN ARMENIAN		
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	320	
IN AZERI		
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	-0-	
IN PERSIAN		
TEHRAN IRNA IN		
ARABIC	-0-	
TEHRAN AL-SHAHID		
IN ARABIC		-0-
TEHRAN KEYHAN AL-'ARABI		
IN ARABIC		-0-
TEHRAN KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL		
IN ENGLISH		630
TEHRAN TEHRAN TIMES IN		
ENGLISH		-0-
TEHRAN ETTELA'AT IN		
PERSIAN		3,370
TEHRAN JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI		
IN PERSIAN		1,630
TEHRAN KEYHAN IN		
PERSIAN		490
TEHRAN KEYHAN HAVA'I		
IN PERSIAN		1,050

IRAQ

BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	1,610
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	3,250
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-

KUWAIT

KUWAIT DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT AL-ANBA'	
IN ARABIC	4,520
KUWAIT AL-HADAF IN	
ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT AL-QABAS	
IN ARABIC	2,970
KUWAIT AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM	
IN ARABIC	1,130
KUWAIT AL-SIYASAH IN	
ARABIC	1,720

QATAR AL-WATAN		
IN ARABIC		1.750
QATAR ARAB TIMES IN		
ENGLISH		5.320
LEBANON		
BEIRUT AZTAG IN		
ARMENIAN		6.050
BEIRUT ZARTONK IN		
ARMENIAN		2.020
JMAN		
MUSCAT DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	4.600	
MUSCAT DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	450	
MUSCAT 'UMAN IN		
ARABIC		420
PAKISTAN		
ISLAMABAD THE MUSLIM		
IN ENGLISH		550
KARACHI DAWN IN		
ENGLISH		8.480
KARACHI JASARAT IN		
URDU		2.690
KARACHI MASHRIQ IN		
URDU		1.730
KARACHI NAHA-E MAQT		
IN URDU		2.730
LAHORE JANG IN		
URDU		2.160
RAWALPINDI HAIDAR IN		
URDU		-0-
RAWALPINDI PAKISTAN TIMES		
IN ENGLISH		3.380
QATAR		
Doha DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	1.470	
Doha TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	-0-	
Doha QNA IN		
ARABIC		4.500
SAUDI ARABIA		
JEDDAH DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	2.010	
RIYADH DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	3.880	
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	1.350	

RITHDH TELEVISION SERVICE

IN ENGLISH

-0-

AL-DAMNAM AL-YAMM IN

ARABIC

-0-

JEDDAH AL-BILAD IN

ARABIC

-0-

JEDDAH AL-MADINAH IN

ARABIC

980

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

MUSCOW IN PERSIAN TO

IRAN

550

BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

IN PERSIAN

-0-

BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

IN AZERI

3,050

DUSHANDE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

IN PERSIAN

-0-

TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

IN PERSIAN

-0-

TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

IN UIGHUR

-0-

TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

IN UZBEK

1,120

YEREVAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

IN ARMENIAN

-0-

ALMA-ATA DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN RUSSIAN

320

ASHKHAHJAH DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN RUSSIAN

960

BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN AZERI

6,310

BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN RUSSIAN

-0-

DUSHANDE DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN RUSSIAN

990

TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN RUSSIAN

430

TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN UZBEK

6,740

YEREVAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

ARMENIAN

260

YEREVAN KOMMUNIST

IN RUSSIAN

16,930

YEREVAN SOVETAKAN AYASTAN

IN ARMENIAN

11,560

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

ABU DHABI DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN ARABIC

1,490

DUBAI DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN ARABIC

-0-

ABU DHABI WAR

IN ARABIC

3,170

ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD

IN ARABIC

430

AL-SHARQA AL-KHALIJ

IN ARABIC

630

DUBAI AL-BAYAN

IN ARABIC

2,420

DUBAI KHALEEJ TIMES

IN ENGLISH

2,930

UNITED KINGDOM

LONDON ASGHAR AQA

IN PERSIAN

-0-

LONDON KEYHAN IN

PERSIAN

2,490

LONDON VOICE OF IRAN

IN ENGLISH

-0-

PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF YEMEN (PDY)

ADEN DOMESTIC SERVICE IC

ARABIC

28,780

ADEN VOICE OF PALESTINE

IN ARABIC

450

ADEN RAA IN

ARABIC

660

ADEN RAA IN

ENGLISH

-0-

YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC (YAR)

SANA'A DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN ARABIC

10,980

SANA'A VOICE OF PALESTINE

IN ARABIC

-0-

SANA'A AL-TAWKAN

IN ARABIC

600